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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There were no cases of suicide in the Malabar Special Police during the year 1951–52.

" Two constables of the Special Armed Police, Bellary Unit (since abolished) and one constable of the Special Armed Police Unit, Red Hills, committed suicide during 1951–52.

" One of the constables of the Bellary Unit committed suicide on account of certain misunderstandings in family affairs. No records are available to show the reasons for the suicide of the other constable. The constable of the Special Armed Police Unit, Red Hills, is stated to have got disgusted with life and committed suicide.

" Strict supervision is being exercised in respect of arms and ammunition issued to Special Armed Police men and surprise checks are also made to ensure that they do not come into possession of unauthorized arms and ammunition."

Action taken on G.O. Ms. No. 698, *Health, dated* 4*th March* 1952.

* 923 *Q.*—SRI M. VEERABHADRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state what is the further action taken by the Government with regard to the items Nos. 4, 5, 8, 10 and 14 of G.O. Ms. No. 698, Health, dated 4th March 1952?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Paragraph 1 (4) and (5) of G.O. No. 698, Health, dated 4th March 1952—The scheme referred to therein, namely, constitution of a leave reserve for certain classes of hospital workers in the three collegiate hospitals, viz., King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam, Government General Hospital and Government Stanley Hospital, Madras, has since been sanctioned.

" Paragraph 1 (8) of G.O. No. 698, Health, dated 4th March 1952—The Government have since decided to bring into regular establishment all other hospital workers now borne on contingent establishment except Gurkha watchmen and gate peons who are on a fixed pay and punka-pullers who are part-time employees.

" Paragraph 1 (10) of G.O. No. 698, Health, dated 4th March 1952—The rules have already been revised by the Director of Medical Services and printed copies of the same will soon be available.

" Paragraph 1 (14) of G.O. No. 698, Health, dated 4th March 1952—The proposals referred to have since been received from the Director of Medical Services and orders issued thereon."

SRI M. VEERABHADRAM :—" The Hon. Minister for Health had more than once admitted that our hospitals are now-a-days overcrowded and that the staff employed there were having heavy work. In view of that, will the Government consider the desirability of raising the salaries of the low-paid employees in the hospitals? "

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

Construction of a dam near Puliyansolai on the Kollimalai, Tiruchirappalli district.

* 924 Q.—SRI N. RAJAGOPAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is a proposal to construct a dam near Puliyansolai on the Kollimalai (Musiri taluk, Tiruchirappalli district); and

(b) whether it has been included in the Five-Year Scheme and whether it will be taken up immediately?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) The proposal was considered and found not feasible because of inadequacy of supplies for a new scheme which would not affect existing interests.

" (b) Does not arise."

Levy of land revenue on poramboke lands given to Harijans.

* 925 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government received in February 1953, any representation from Sri P. Chadayan, a Harijan teacher, Secretary, Co-operative Society, Mattul, North Malabar, regarding enhancement of land revenue for poramboke leased to Harijans; and

(b) what action was taken on the representation?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) Yes. The Government received a petition on 4th March 1953.

" (b) The petitioner was asked to approach the Collector of Malabar and then the Board of Revenue before coming up to the Government in the matter."

Inclusion of Kaikolan or Karikala Bhaktas among Backward classes.

* 926 Q.—SRI G. SATYANARAYANA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether the caste known in Andhra Desa as Kaikolan or Karikala Bhaktas has been included in the Scheduled or Backward classes and if not, why members thereof are not allowed the benefits given to Scheduled or Backward classes under the Constitution?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The community 'Kaikolan' has been included in the list of Backward classes. Pupils of the community 'Karikala Bhaktas' are also eligible for half-fee concessions.

" So far as appointment to public services is concerned, the 'Kaikolan' community alone has been included in the list of Backward classes."